What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A portable telephone device which receives contents
- 2 information distributed from a server in response to a
- 3 request made by a user for the contents information, the
- 4 portable telephone device comprising:
- 5 a display panel which displays the received contents
- 6 information thereon;
- 7 a backlight which lights up the display panel;
- 8 request detecting means for detecting that the
- 9 request has been made; and
- 10 lighting control means for (a) turning off the
- 11 backlight when the request detecting means detects that
- 12 the request has been made and (b) turning on the backlight
- 13 after the contents information is received.
- 1 2. The portable telephone device of Claim 1, wherein
- 2 the lighting control means turns on the backlight
- 3 when the lighting control means detects completion of a
- 4 display procedure for displaying the received contents
- 5 information on the display panel.
- 1 3. The portable telephone device of Claim 2, wherein
- 2 the display procedure displays a portion of the
- 3 received contents information on the display panel.
- 1 4. The portable telephone device of Claim 3, wherein
- 2 the request detecting means includes an instruction

- 3 accepting unit for accepting from the user an instruction
- 4 for requesting the contents information, and detects that
- ${f 5}$ the request has been made by detecting the instruction.
- 1 5. The portable telephone device of Claim 4, wherein
- 2 the lighting control means includes reception
- 3 judgement means for judging whether the contents
- 4 information is received within a predetermined period of
- 5 time since the request detecting means detects that the
- 6 request has been made, and
- in the case where the reception judgement means
- 8 judges that the contents information is not received within
- 9 the predetermined period of time, the lighting control
- 10 means displays on the display panel a message that the
- 11 contents information failed to be received and turns on
- 12 the backlight.
 - 1 6. The portable telephone device of Claim 3, wherein
 - 2 the request detecting means includes an instruction
 - 3 accepting unit for accepting from the user an instruction
 - 4 for requesting the contents information, and detects that
 - 5 the request has been made by detecting transmission of the
 - 6 instruction.
- 1 7. The portable telephone device of Claim 6, wherein
- 2 the lighting control means includes reception
- 3 judgement means for judging whether the contents

- 4 information is received within a predetermined period of
- 5 time since the request detecting means detects that the
- 6 request has been made, and
- 7 in the case where the reception judgement means
- 8 judges that the contents information is not received within
- 9 the predetermined period of time, the lighting control
- 10 means displays on the display panel a message that the
- 11 contents information failed to be received and turns on
- 12 the backlight.
- 1 8. The portable telephone device of Claim 2, wherein
- the display procedure displays all of the received
- 3 contents information on the display panel.
- 1 9. The portable telephone device of Claim 8, wherein
- 2 the request detecting means includes an instruction
- 3 accepting unit for accepting from the user an instruction
- 4 for requesting the contents information, and detects that
- 5 the request has been made by detecting the instruction.
- 1 10. The portable telephone device of Claim 9, wherein
- 2 the lighting control means includes reception
- 3 judgement means for judging whether the contents
- 4 information is received within a predetermined period of
- ${f 5}$ time since the request detecting means detects that the
- 6 request has been made, and
- 7 in the case where the reception judgement means

- 8 judges that the contents information is not received within
- 9 the predetermined period of time, the lighting control
- 10 means displays on the display panel a message that the
- 11 contents information failed to be received and turns on
- 12 the backlight.
- 1 11. The portable telephone device of Claim 8, wherein
- 2 the request detecting means includes an instruction
- 3 accepting unit for accepting from the user an instruction
- 4 for requesting the contents information, and detects that
- 5 the request has been made by detecting transmission of the
- 6 instruction.
 - 12. The portable telephone device of Claim 11, wherein
- 2 the lighting control means includes reception
- 3 judgement means for judging whether the contents
- 4 information is received within a predetermined period of
- ${f 5}$ time since the request detecting means detects that the
- 6 request has been made, and
- in the case where the reception judgement means
- 8 judges that the contents information is not received within
- 9 the predetermined period of time, the lighting control
- 10 means displays on the display panel a message that the
- 11 contents information failed to be received and turns on
- 12 the backlight.